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DEWAN OF MYSORE.

BANGALORE,
31st January 1936.

MY DEAR SIR BERTRAND GLANCY,

In pursuance of our conversation at Baroda, I wish to make sure that the position of Mysore regarding the subsidy and the Civil and Military Station is precisely understood.

The total abolition of the subsidy, and a satisfactory solution of the Civil and Military Station question, are prior conditions of the entry of Mysore into an Indian Federation. This has always been our position, nor was it altered when, in February 1933, in deference to the wishes of the Viceroy and to avoid prejudicing the Bill in Parliament, we temporarily refrained from urging our claims in these terms. The matter is stated in the Memorandum submitted by me to His Excellency the Viceroy on behalf of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore on 29th January 1933, a copy of which is enclosed; and in various letters and speeches I have endeavoured to make clear the attitude of Mysore.

Both the remission of the subsidy and the restoration of the Civil and Military Station are matters of mere justice, for which we have long been contending, and even had there been no question of federation the favourable settlement of them could hardly have been long delayed. We believe that the justice of our claim in each case is realised by the Government of India and by the British Government. Nor, I am sure, can they fail to realise that Mysore cannot, in self-respect, enter a federation in which these present disabilities remain even in part even for a day.

If it appears necessary to make a public statement on this matter I am prepared to do so at the June Session of the Mysore Representative Assembly.

Yours sincerely,
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